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CARLSBAD
CITY LIBRARY
LEARNING CENTER

Learning connection

Welcome our new Principal Librarian

Glynn Birdwell has worked for the Carlsbad City Library for six years. She was Head of Reference at Cole and then moved to Dove when Callie Ahrens came to the Learning Center. "I've followed Callie's path once again and feel very fortunate to be at the Learning Center," said Glynn.

Glynn and her husband moved back to North County in 2005 after living in the area from 1976-1991. In the intervening years they lived in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Livermore, California.

Glynn earned her BA in History from Scripps College in Claremont, California, and her Masters in Library Science from UCLA. She has worked in a variety of libraries including Aeronautics Library at Caltech, St. Bride's Printing Library in London, England, and in Technical Services at UCSD. Her "other" career was as an early childhood educator, and she was head of Children's Services at the Livermore Public Library.

Glynn has two sons who live in Bend, Oregon, and work at the Deschutes Brewery. She is a baseball fan, but since she grew up in the Los Angeles area, a Dodger fan. She enjoys the beach, reading mysteries, gardening, yoga, and walking.



"I am excited about becoming part of the Library Learning Center's team of excellent staff and volunteers, and I look forward to working with you all." —Glynn Birdwell, Principal Librarian



Due to recent state budget cuts, we are not able to provide snacks as we have in the past. So we are particularly grateful to the following people who have provided us with snacks and donations!

Harriet N. – snacks, chocolates, brownie bites

Lee R. – magazines

Elmer R. – magazines

Leon B. – candy

Nyla H. – books

Stacey H. – cookies

Elva M. – brownies, scones

Maria S. – tea, tapas

Phyllis K. – sugar cookies

Lory M. – homemade cookies

Hui G. – candies

Cory R. – comic books for CHS students

Marilyn S. – snacks

Helen L. – snacks

Tiera G. – office supplies

Carrie S. – cookies

Betty G. – note paper and calendars

Maribel M. – muffins

Claudia J. – chocolates

Rose D. – magazines

My Box —by Nyla H.

One day a person stopped by to ask why I was in a box. “You can’t see around you from a box.” I adapted, so I put windows in my box to see around me.

A second person stopped by to ask why I was in a box. “You can’t feel the wind and rain from your box.” I adapted, so I made the roof top open up so I could feel the rain and wind pass through.

A third person stopped by to ask, “Why are you in a box? You can’t move around to see the world around you.” I adapted, so I put on wheels to move around to see the world from my box.

The fourth person stopped by and asked, “Why are you in a box? Come outside of your box.”

I am afraid...

...my box gives me acceptance

...my box is loyal to me

...my box respects me

...my box makes me feel safe

...my box supports me

Well, you need to see that there is much more to life than in a box. You are missing out on life.

We all want the same thing, but not just from a box. I adapted, so I put in a door. So my box adapted to my needs and yours will, too!

So walk through that door!

Summer Plans

Summer is coming and many of you may be planning vacations. Also, some of you may have friends or family members coming to visit.

Our tutoring program is year-round, so we do not take the summer off. Please talk to your learning partner and to the staff as soon as possible if you are planning to take time off over the summer.

Remember that adults and older children are welcome to use the library downstairs during open hours while you have your tutoring session (Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.)

If you are unable to attend during the summer, please let us know so that we can plan to rematch you with a new learning partner when you return in the fall.

Save the Date to Celebrate

Save the date Sunday, June 3, 2012, from 2:30—4:00 p.m. to attend Literacy Services' annual Celebration at the Carlsbad Senior Center.

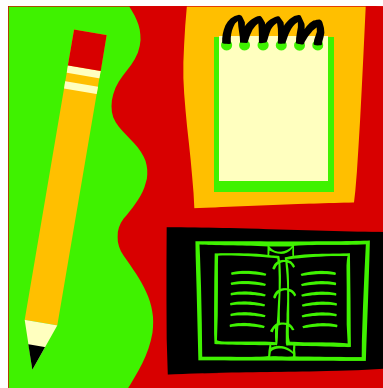
This is a program that honors life-changing experiences with Literacy Services. All learners and tutors are invited to attend, and bring your close friends and family. Invitations with more information will be mailed in mid-May, but put it on your calendar now!



Publish Yourself!

At the beginning of 2011, we started a program called *Publish Yourself!* that offered learners the opportunity to publish articles they had written in our newsletter, the *Learning Connection*. Guidelines said the articles should be about learning, goals, motivation, or learning accomplishments. Since then we have had 16 articles published—an average of 3 per issue—and our authors have been:

Kristin C., Nyla H., Christi K., Rosalba F., Mateo L., Anna M., Daniel C., Linda P., and Ramon G.



Now in 2012, we are expanding the opportunities for learners to publish their writing.

Twice a year we will produce a special publication called *Publish Yourself!* This publication will contain only articles written by learners, and the topics are no longer limited to learning-related subjects.

The first *Publish Yourself!* will be printed in the fall, so you have plenty of time to be inspired! Ask any staff member if you have questions.